



At the foot of the cross in downtown St. Petersburg

Claiming Our Downtowns as Our Place in God's Vineyard

The Very Rev. Tracey Lind, dean of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, will speak at our stewardship dinner October 16, to which all are invited. (See the box on Page 3 for details.) Trinity, a congregation of 700 in the heart of downtown Cleveland, in 2002 underwent major redevelopment, creating a campus with two piazzas that connect three late-19th and early-20th-century buildings and the great gothic cathedral. The complex, known as Trinity Commons, houses spaces for mission and ministry, the Cathedral and diocesan offices, conference facilities, and a café, gift, and book shops. (Learn more at trinitycleveland.org.) It is deliberately a place of welcome, hospitality, and engagement with its community. We spoke with Dean Lind recently in advance of her visit here.



should be today?

A: The cathedral is an 11th-century institution, and the first thing we have to do is recreate it to be a relevant, 21st-century institution. The task of cathedral ministry is to create sacred public space for collaboration, conversation, creativity, celebration, culture, and charity. Cathedrals have three constituencies: our congregation that gathers, the diocese we serve, and the city where we live. At Trinity we believe that much of our work has to do with the intersection of faith in the public square. Our ministry is to be common space, and the role of leadership is to articulate that vision. We belong to the city and it belongs to us. We need to claim our downtowns as our place in God's vineyard and be stewards of that part of God's vineyard and witnesses and disciples.

Q: What happened at Trinity after the redevelopment of your campus? How was the congregation changed? How did ministries change?

A: It allowed us to imagine new

ministries we never thought possible. We are open seven days a week to the community. We host 40,000 people a year for non-cathedral, non-diocesan, non-church events, and we host 2,000 gatherings and meetings a year in this place. We have become a model for sacred public space, and that raises new expectations around hospitality, excellence, and teaching. Because we are a place of collaboration, other cultural institutions — the orchestra, the museum, the schools, the universities — turn to us and say, "Would you like to partner with us?" on art exhibits, performing arts events, civic initiatives, and similar projects. Because we have become a place where the community meets, we are in a position to convene the conversation about the city's future.

We've had to learn to manage our capacity, to make decisions about what we say yes to and what we say no to. There is a tension between hospitality

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Q: What's your vision of what an Episcopal downtown cathedral

Halloween Extravaganza Concert!

7:30 p.m. Friday, October 31 in the Cathedral

Come hear spine-tingling music on the mighty organ! Enjoy keyboard tricks and treats by Edward Barbieri, John Mason, and Rick Waterman. The program includes:

March to the Scaffold, Berlioz
Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, Bach
In the Hall of the Mountain King, Grieg
Night on Bald Mountain, Mussorgsky
Hungarian Dance No.5, Brahms
Funeral Dance of the Marionette

The Phantom of the Opera
Harry Potter
The Adams Family
Ghostbusters
The Twilight Zone



Building Update and 2009 Budget Preview

Sunday, October 12

after the 9 a.m. service in St. Mary's Chapel

- * Hear the latest on our building plans
- * Get a preview on the 2009 budget
- * Q and A time

Crosswinds

Our "Welcome to St. Peter's" classes continue at 10:30 a.m. Sundays in Room 202 at St. Peter's Central. No need to register, just come, to one or all. The schedule:

October 5: How we worship

October 12: Instructed eucharist

October 19: Tour of the Cathedral, history of St. Peter's

October 26: Christian formation: spiritual maturity

November 2: Christian formation: What is ministry?

November 9: Getting connected at St. Peter's

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One Sunday in November we'll hold our twice-yearly **United Thank Offering in-gathering**. Every cent collected (about \$2.5-million each year) is given away as grants "to address compelling human needs and/or expand mission and ministry." Several congregations in our diocese have received these grants! Watch for announcements about the November in-gathering date, and please give generously. Chelley Tighe is our UTO chair.

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Canon Gigi Conner will attend a CREDO conference October 27 through November 3 at the Solomon Conference Center in Loranger, LA. The eight-day conference provides participants with the means to find direction and clarity in four areas: spiritual, physical, vocational, and financial. CREDO also provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation. Canon Conner, along with 30 other participants, will work with the CREDO staff to build a CREDO Plan, a personal covenant based on her CREDO work, and a formal expression of the CREDO experience. Participants are selected at random from all active clergy with more than one year in the Pension Fund. The

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Be Part of the Downtown Solution

John Paul, Outreach chair

Downtown churches will hold their second annual "Celebrate Outreach" workshop from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, October 25, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 719 Arlington Ave. N.

We'll start with continental breakfast, then move into presentations, panel discussions, and breakout groups to raise ideas and formulate ways our combined efforts can deal with homelessness, lack of safe shelter, hunger, and other issues. Churches, service providers, and city officials will participate.

"By combining our gifts and experiences we can become a powerful force to deal with these issues," said John Paul, Outreach chair.

UNDIES SUNDAYS: For the first three Sundays in November, the Pinellas County Homeless Coalition is sponsoring a collection of NEW undergarments for men, women, and children. Help provide dignity for those in need. A box will be in the back of the Cathedral to collect your donations.



Columbarium Niches To Go on Sale This Month

Our plans are moving ahead to create a columbarium in the Baptist Sanctuary and to add niches in our existing Memorial Garden.

The columbarium committee will announce details of the plans this month. We will offer 300 niches in the existing Memorial Garden, to be priced between \$2,000 and \$3,000 each. Additional niches will be available later in the Baptist Sanctuary and adjacent Sanctuary Garden.

The columbarium committee: Canon Gigi Conner, Greg Glenn, Martha Goodwill, Andi Gorton, Sheree Graves, Bill Harvard and Pam League.



Music This Month: Jazz and Haydn

Musical offerings this month include:

* A Victorian evensong, 4 p.m. Sunday, October 5.

* The Dagari Jazz Trio, 9 a.m. Sunday, October 12.

* Haydn's Harmoniemesse, 11:15 a.m. Sunday, October 19.

The Harmoniemesse, or "Wind-band Mass," written in 1802, was the last large-scale work Haydn was to produce. It meets and often exceeds all the expectations one may have of a "last" work. As its name implies, the Harmoniemesse makes extensive use of the instruments found in the wind-band of an orchestra. It is scored for flute, 2 oboes, 2 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 2 horns, 2 trumpets, timpani, organ, and a full complement of strings. The Mass abounds with grand gestures and makes full use of Haydn's usual sense of the mastery of full drama.

In addition, this month we begin our weekday Evensongs, at 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is a tranquil and inspiring way to end a busy day.

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and safety and security every day. It costs us an extra half-million dollars to operate the campus, and that's very challenging. And we've hit capacity in our parking lot. We can't grow more till we deal with the issue of parking.

Q: You'll be speaking to us about stewardship against the backdrop of a core meltdown in the nation's financial systems. People may feel they need to look out for themselves. How do you respond to that?

A: The desire to look out for ourselves is the cause of the financial mess in which we find ourselves. Limited, protective self-interest got us into the financial crisis we're facing. Stewardship allows us to practice living in a way that reclaims the common good. Stewardship is more important now than ever before. From those to whom much is given, even more is expected right now. If we can't live on 90 percent of our earnings, we're really in trouble. If we can't continue to honor our stewardship commitments, it's a reflection that our lifestyles really need to change.



Faith Costs Pennies

The Rev. Canon Millard F. Neal, Vicar

Fifty-seven pennies that were found under a little girl's pillow when she died left their mark on Philadelphia years ago. The girl wanted to enter a little Sunday school in Philadelphia, and was told that there was not enough room. She began saving her pennies to "help the Sunday school have more room." Two years later she became ill and died, and they found a small pocketbook under her pillow with 57 pennies and a neatly written note: "To help build the Little Temple bigger, so more children can go to Sunday school."

Her pastor told the story to his congregation, and newspapers took the story across the country. Pennies poured in. Now there is a church seating 3,300; Temple University, which accommodates thousands of students; Temple Hospital; and a large Temple Sunday school. It all began with a beautiful, dedicated little girl's spirit and 57 pennies.

We, too, want to build a "Little Temple," a new campus where more people can come to know God. Every one of your pennies and mine makes our hopes more of a reality. It takes concern and commitment and dedication and love to give. It takes faith to step out and give and trust in the abundance of God.

It takes hope to build new buildings for future generations who are to come to know and worship God at St. Peter's. It takes deep faith to reach out to each other and trust in God's future for us.

The gift of 57 pennies was the start that built a large church, a university, a hospital, and a Sunday school. Think what your gift can do.



Come hear Tracey Lind!

What: "Dinner with Friends," our annual stewardship dinner. No charge, all welcome.

When: Thursday, October 16. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Central. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Orange Blossom Catering, 220 Fourth St. N, followed by our speaker, the Very Rev. Tracey Lind.

RSVP: Please call the Cathedral office (727-822-4173) so we can reserve a place for you!

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Church Pension Fund pays all but \$500 of the conference costs.

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Classes for those who seek **baptism** for themselves or for children are at 10:30 a.m. October 11 and 25 in St. Peter's Central. Classes last an hour. A rehearsal will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 1, in the Cathedral. Baptisms will take place November 2, All Saints' Sunday.

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Women who are cancer survivors are invited to lunch at noon Saturday, October 11, at St. Peter's Central. A discussion will center on how to support those undergoing treatment. Please RSVP to Canon Conner.



Movies for October
Eddy Burns

Free movies (and free popcorn!) are at 7 p.m. Fridays in St. Peter's Central. Check bulletin boards or the web site (spcathedral.net) for details on the films.

October 3: Monsieur Hire (France, 1990)

October 10: Lars and the Real Girl (USA, 2007)

October 17: The Inheritance (Denmark, 2004)

October 24: Bram Stoker's Dracula (USA, 1992)

October 31: No movie.

St. Peter's: A Guide

With God's help, we will welcome all people.

Weekend Worship

Saturday

5 p.m.: Holy Communion and Homily
A traditional service, no music

Sunday

7:30 a.m.: Holy Communion and Homily
A traditional service, no music

9 a.m.: Holy Communion (child-friendly) and Homily
A spirit-filled celebration, with hymns and choir

11:15 a.m.: Choral Holy Communion and Homily
A sung service with choir

6 p.m.: CAYA (Come As You Are)
*Holy Communion in the round, followed by a shared supper.
Celtic prayers and music from around the world.*



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Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 a.m. ☩ Evening Prayer, 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday

Service of Healing, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Choral Evensong, 6:15 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Holy Communion, 12:05 p.m.

At any time after hours you have a **pastoral emergency**, please call Vicar Neal on his cell phone: (727) 742-8519.

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Transitions

October Birthdays

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| 1 Patrick Donnelly Nick Culise | 12 Sherrell Boette | 22 Ainsley Sorenson |
| 2 Sue Martin Mia Moore | 13 AnnaMary Tamblyn Susie Johnson Tracy Crow | 23 Susan Magee Wayne Eich Brett Clarke |
| 4 Yvonne Franco-Dahm | 14 Marshall Craig | 24 Jakob Selsor |
| 5 Marian McGrath Joe Witko Suzie Babcock Jillian Frers | 15 James Fryer | 25 Elaine New Doris Jenkins |
| 6 Mark Ellis | 16 Bonnie Johnson Pat Wahlen Lois Blauvelt | 27 Ed Long |
| 7 Richard Cameron Bob Flannery Evelyn Kruse | 17 Heather Neeffe | 28 Robin Leavengood |
| 10 Judy Hoban | 18 John Paul Georgene Conner | 29 James Earle Simon George Mary Watts |
| 11 Annis de Brigard | 19 Patrick Reive | 30 Ed Caley Dottie Hirvela |
| | 20 Betty Wright | 31 Phil Thomas |

October Anniversaries

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| 2 Bob and Susan Churuti | 22 Vincent and Evelyn Ranuro |
| 4 Jim and Barbara Rex | 24 Judd and Susan Chapin |
| 7 Christopher and Nancy Randolph | 24 Mark and Catina Gordon |
| 11 Gary Bogart and Cathy Rentschler | 25 Vinson Arnold and Anita Pernell- Arnold |

New Members

Jayne Payne
Frank and Dianne Casorio
Loreen O'Brien

Death

Ella Mary Holmes

Discernment Team Goes on the Road

Susan Churuti and Elaine New, Co-Chairs

Your Discernment Committee has been on the road in recent weeks, visiting four candidates for the position of dean. The last of those visits will be the weekend of October 4-5. The next step is to invite some or all of those candidates to visit us. Those visits will take place during October and possibly early November, depending on the candidates' availability.

The diocese will conduct background checks on the finalists and we will make reference checks.

Then it will be our responsibility to listen carefully as we discern whom God is calling to be our next dean. The discernment committee will recommend one candidate to the Chapter, which must vote to approve that choice. We hope to accomplish that in early December, and the expectation is that our new dean will be here early in 2009.

We invite you to continue praying with us: *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a dean for this Cathedral, and those who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Children's Sabbath October 19

On Sunday, October 19, we will observe Children's Sabbath, when we acknowledge children as sacred gifts of the divine and renew our moral responsibility to care for, protect, and advocate for all children. Children's Sabbath is sponsored nationally by the Children's Defense Fund.

We will collect books in English and Spanish for children who live in the Pink Citrus Mobile Home Park on Pine Island, Charlotte County. The families here are

mostly Latino. Their parents work in palm and fruit nurseries or do domestic work. St. John's Episcopal Church in Pine Island has started an outreach ministry to provide enrichment, activities, and tutoring for the children there. We're seeking books for children of all ages that reflect multicultural images and highlight children as problem-solvers.



Sisters Plan Their Retreat

The Sisters of the Circle will hold their annual retreat January 16-18 at DaySpring. Spaces are still available, and the retreat is open to all women of the church and friends. This is a time to come together and rest, relax, and enjoy each other's company. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends after Sunday morning worship in St. Thomas Chapel. The cost of \$156 covers two nights' lodging and all meals. Interested? Contact Dottie Hirvela at dothirvela@yahoo.com.